

RE-ENTRY POLICY STUDY COMMISSION

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES: JULIE FIDLER, SHELETTE VEAL AND MITZI WILSON

Julie A. Fidler graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana Tech in 2006 with a BS in Business. In her previous career in banking and finance, she specialized in Federal Legislation, Monetary Policy and Economics. Ms. Fidler Joined the City as a Grant Analyst in 2010 and has managed the Human Services Grants since 2011. A fierce advocate for those who have HIV/AIDS, the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, Ms. Fidler has the day to day oversight of \$6.3 million dollars in Federal funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are housed in the Department of Metropolitan Development under the Community Economic Development division.

Shelette Veal is General Counsel for The Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA). She has eighteen years of legal experience, including more than ten years at IHA, where she has a concentrated focus on fair housing, landlord/tenant matters, contracts, litigation, employment and labor issues, collective bargaining and HUD regulations. Shelette has previously served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana and a Deputy Public Defender for the Marion County Public Defender Agency. She received a BA in Communication from DePauw University and a JD from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Mitzi Wilson is a staff attorney at Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and oversees the Project GRACE (Guided Re-Entry Assistance & Community Education) program, which provides holistic pro bono civil legal services to individuals with criminal histories. The goal of Project GRACE is increase access to the courts for those with criminal histories, coupled with connecting these individuals to community services to maximize the potential for self-sufficiency after incarceration.

Prior to joining Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in 2011, Mitzi served a term as an AmeriCorps Public Ally at the Community Development Law Center and worked as a Staff Attorney and Program Manager at a national behavioral health organization headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. While serving as a Public Ally, Mitzi received intensive training in Asset-Based Community Development and used her legal skills to provide assistance to community-based nonprofits that serve low-income individuals. During her position as a Staff Attorney and Program Manager at Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. in Chicago, IL, Mitzi oversaw the compliance of federal and state licensed behavioral health programs in Illinois, Massachusetts, and Nevada.

Mitzi Wilson is a 2008 graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law and a 2003 graduate of Indiana University - Bloomington. Mitzi serves on the Associate Board for the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law and on the Board for Concord Neighborhood Center.